A Message From TSA Administrator John S. Pistole

TSA's mission is to ensure the safety of the traveling public and we are committed to doing so efficiently, courteously, and professionally. There are a few things you need to know as you go through security:

- Remember 3 simple steps to security:
 - Have your ID out
 - Coats and shoes off
 - Laptop and liquids and gels less than 3 ounces out
- You will be directed to pass through either a walk-through metal detector or an Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT) unit
- If you are directed to pass through an AIT, you may OPT OUT
- If you alarm either the walk-through metal detector or AIT, you will receive a thorough pat-down by someone of the same gender
- If you choose to opt out, you will receive a thorough pat-down by someone of the same gender
- In either case where a pat-down is required, you have important OPTIONS that we want you to be aware of:
 - You have the OPTION to request that the pat-down be conducted in a private room
 - You have the OPTION to have the pat-down witnessed by a person of your choice

We very much appreciate your involvement, cooperation, and assistance in ensuring the safety of the traveling public. If you have questions about these procedures, the technology used by TSA, or our efforts to ensure your safety, please do not hesitate to ask a TSA Officer. They are ready, willing and able to answer your questions.

Thank you,



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